

Your talent is Gods
gift to you
What you do with it is
your gift back to God



NEWCASTLE UNITED CHURCH

November 19, 2023

10:30 am

Welcome!

“As followers of Christ, we are called to be a worshipping and learning, receiving and giving community of faith, hope and love.” – Newcastle United Church Mission Statement

As we gather as a faith community, we acknowledge that we are on sacred land rich in the legacy, culture, and spirituality of the Indigenous people. It is home to many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people. We acknowledge that we live and work on land that is under the Williams Treaty, which has been the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee Nations, as well as many other Indigenous nations. These lands today are under the care of the Mississauga's of the New Credit First Nations people.

We acknowledge this land, out of respect for the many Indigenous nations who have cared for the lands and waterways from the beginning of time and continue to do so. Today we are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, and to worship on their traditional lands.

We are committed to learn and understand the truth of our shared history, confronting our past and present so that we can strive to build a future together upon true reconciliation, living out what the original ancestors of Turtle Island envisioned: sharing the resources of the land and waterways, and to live in harmony with one another as one people.

Approaching God With Praise

Welcome

Announcements

*** Indicates for congregation to stand as you are able.**

Prelude (A centering time) "Love Lifted Me"

Lighting The Christ Candle

As we light the Christ candle, we are reminded that Christ came into the world to be a light and inspiration to all peoples and not just to a select few. We are called to follow that light by living with respect for all of creation.

(<https://www.kairoscanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/TRC-worship-May31.pdf>)

***Responsive Song: Jesus, We Are Here x2**
MV 189

Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here;
We are here for you.

***Call to Worship and Opening Prayer**

L: We are pulled and pushed in many directions.

A: Many responsibilities make claims upon our lives each and everyday.

L: Today, we choose to make You central in our life, God.

A: We open our hearts and spirits to your gifts of blessings, God.

L: Let our time together be united in proclaiming God's Holy Presence throughout all of creation.

A: We come led by the Living Spirit to praise God who sustains and nurtures our lives.

AMEN. (By Nancy Towline modified by Rev. B.Ransom)

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Creator, you have blessed us in various ways.

Sometimes we do not feel blessed and we hold on to what we have for fear of loss.

Remind us that the gifts we are blessed with are to be shared with others. Let our faith be open to the leading of your Spirit, inviting us to share all your gifts freely in your name. Let your gifts bring comfort, hope and light to all people. Prepare our lives to be ready to serve You and others, in Jesus' name we pray.

AMEN.

***Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty**

VU 315

Listening For The Spirit Of God Through The Word

Scripture Readings:

New Testament: **Matthew 25:14-30**

Response

L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

A: We give praise for the presence of God through the Word.

Hymn: Love Is The Touch vv. 1-3 MV 89

**Love is the touch of intangible joy;
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

**Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

**Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;
love is the will to be whole once again;
love is the trust of a friend on the road:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

Conversation Time

Hymn: Love Is The Touch v. 4

MV 89

**Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have
trod:**

God is where love is, for love is of God.

Music: John L. Bell

Words: Alison M. Robertson

Reflection: “You Got Talent”

Ministry of Music:

Solo-Marlene Stacey “He Touched Me”

Lyrics & Music by William J. Gaither

Our Response To The Living Spirit Of God

Invitation to The Offering

***The Offertory Response: All is Done For
The Glory Of God vv. 2&4**

MV 34

Life is lived for the glory of God.

Amen! Amen!

All depends upon our Glorious God.

Amen! Amen!

Amen! Amen! Amen!

All is done for the glory of God.

Amen! Amen!

**All is giv'n for the glory of God
Amen! Amen!
All depends upon our Glorious God.
Amen! Amen!
Amen! Amen! Amen!
All is done for the glory of God.
Amen! Amen!**

Dedication Of The Offering

Prayers of the People

***Closing Hymn: I am Going Live So God Can
Use Me** **VU 575**

***Commissioning & Benediction**

***Sung Blessing – “Go Now in Peace”**

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